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1. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE FRG REACTIVATING ACCESS ROADS LOAN AND THE FRG DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAM IN GABON IN GENERAL. SINCE ITS MEMBERSHIP IN OPEC, THE FRG HAS CANCELLED ALL CLASSICAL DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAMS WITH THE GABON. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IT IS STILL A DEVELOPING COUNTRY AND SORELY IN NEED OF MONEY, THE FRG, IN ANSWER TO PRESIDENT BONGO'S PLEA DURING HIS STATE VISIT (JANUARY 23) AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL ECONOMIC AID PACKAGE:

A. AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BUT NOT REPEAT NOT SIGNED WHICH WILL ALLOW GABON TO USE THE DM 29.5 MILLION ALREADY ALLOCATED FOR THE GABON ACCESS ROADS ON THE TRANS-GABON RAILROAD. THE AGREEMENT WILL STATE THAT

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THE GOG CAN ONLY DRAW ON THIS DM 29.5 MILLION FOR PURCHASE OF MATERIALS TO BUILD THE RAILROAD. THE FRG MINECON COOPERATION EXPECTS THIS AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

B. A SPECIAL LOAN AGREEMENT (THE PRESS INCORRECTLY REPORTED THIS AS A CAPITAL AID AGREEMENT)

TOTALING DM 1.7 MILLION WHICH WILL BE USED TO INCREASE THE SHARE OF THE DEG (DEUTSCHE ENTWICKLUNGS GESELLSCHAFT - GERMAN AID CORPORATION) IN THE BDG (BANQUE GABONNAISE DU DEVELOPPEMENT). THE FRG AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE UP TO DM 1.1 MILLION OF THE TOTAL LOAN AND THE DEG WILL CONTRIBUTE THE REMAINING DM .6 MILLION. (THE DEG, WHICH IS LOCATED IN COLOGNE, AND IS USED BY THE FRG AS A CHANNEL FOR ITS FUNDS, PROMOTES GERMAN AND EC PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.)

C. AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED WHEREBY THE FRG WILL PROVIDE THREE EXPERTS: TWO EXPERTS FOR RADIO TELEVISION GABON AND ONE EXPERT ASSIGNED TO THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. ALL THREE MEDIA EXPERTS WILL BE INVOLVED IN PREPARING RURAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND WILL BE ASSIGNED FOR A 2-YEAR TOUR OF DUTY, PAID FOR BY THE FRG. THE FRG MINECON COOPERATION DESK OFFICER NOTED THAT THESE WILL BE THE LAST EXPERTS FOR WHICH THE FRG WILL PAY EXPENSES.

2. MINECON COOPERATION OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE USG MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER USING ITS GABON ACCESS ROADS FUNDS IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE FRG--TRANSFERRING THE LOAN TO THE TRANS-GABON RAILROAD.

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